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SCHEMES ANNOUNCED FOR FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of schemes which have been started so far out of the schemes announced for the farmers in the Tenth Plan by the Government;

(b) whether the farmers of the country are getting the benefit of these schemes;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the Government have received the cases in regard to establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendras and the scheme to run these Kendras by volunteer organizations only on papers; and

(e) if so, the total amount spent on this scheme and the total number of farmers who have actually got its benefit till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): There are 40 such schemes in the operation at present. These schemes have been formulated essentially to increase the production and productivity in agriculture sector and, hence are directly beneficial to the farmers.

(d): Of the 451 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) sanctioned as on 31st March, 2005, 83 KVKs have been sanctioned to be run by Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) i.e. voluntary organizations.

(e): An amount of Rs.15,253.73 lakhs was allocated to these KVKs during 2004-05. During the same period, these Kendras took up 607 technologies for on-farm trials and 32,339 frontline demonstrations. They also organized various training programmes including extension activities benefiting 21.67 lakhs farmers and produced 7491 tonnes of seeds and 50.31 lakhs of planting material.